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The DO's Corner

Welcome to the second edition of the *Ops Brief*. As usual, a lot is going on. Many of our current publications like CAPRs 60-1 and 55-1, and CAPP 213 are under review, and we also have major programs like the National Communications Strategic Plan and the Emergency Services Curriculum Project in the development phase. It's all for you in the field, and you need to know that these programs are not only being worked by the headquarters operations staff, but also you, the members in the field. Keep it up! With a lasting partnership we will make the improvements necessary to bring us strongly into the 21st century.

Until Next Time
Glen Atwell
Director of Operations

Safety

Recently there has been a trend of marginal and unsatisfactory ratings on SAR/DR evals. Some of the "findings" portray an abbreviated "safety is paramount" announcement and then on to other matters. Sound familiar? To help increase safety emphasis during missions, a functional area checklist for the Safety Officer will be incorporated in the next printing of CAPR 55-1. The checklist outlines tasks to be performed by the Safety Officer at the mission base to proactively discover and eliminate hazards during the actual mission, practice or eval. A draft copy of this checklist is provided on page four of this

newsletter. If you have additional items for this checklist, please send them to the Chief of Safety at the National Headquarters.

Drug Demand Reduction

Red ribbons have been shipped to all Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) administrators for the annual red ribbon campaign. Look for your shipment, and do your part to support being drug free in your community.

The FY 98 DDR Initiative program requests are due. The FY98 DDR Initiative program results will be released by 15 December. Approved reimbursements may begin processing starting 1 January 1998.

CounterDrug

Most of you have already heard about the National HQ Fax Back system. If you haven't or if it has been a while since you used it, check it out! New items are being added to it constantly, and not just counterdrug information. Items such as the CAPFs 18, 5, and 99, Quarterly CD reports, issues of the CheckRide, the Sentinel, and the Ops Brief are all available. The Fax Back system can be reached at 1-800-555-7902. For a complete listing of what is available, have the document index (document number 0099) sent to you. About 150 downloads have been made per month since implemented, but many more are possible using the current system.

Emergency Services

Copies of all of the current national memorandums of understanding/agreements have been forwarded to all wings and regions. Many of these MOUs establish a foundation for local units to work operational missions with organizations like the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the Federal Aviation Administration. It is suggested that copies of these MOUs be made available as necessary to MCs and wing personnel responsible for establishing local agreements.

A project to develop and standardize curriculum for all emergency services specialty qualifications was recently kicked off. Working groups made up of headquarters staff members and field personnel will come together over the next three years to produce materials to be used for training CAP ES personnel at all levels. This project, broken into three phases (ground operations, mission base staff, and air operations), will establish a baseline of education and training levels for personnel performing the day to day ES missions for CAP, utilizing the experience of you, the membership. Additional information on this project will be made available to the membership via the World Wide Web, and future issues of the *Civil Air Patrol News* and the *Ops Brief*.

Don't forget to get your applications in for the Inland SAR Planner Course. Emergency Services personnel, particularly Mission Coordinator (MC) trainees and qualified MCs should attend. Apply on a CAPF 17 through the wing and region to arrive at HQ CAP/DOSP at least 30 days prior to the event if you wish to attend. All operationally oriented members may apply, but preference will be given to current MCs or trainees. The following courses still have openings:

| Date | Location | Date | Location |
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| 12-16 Jan 98 | Hickam AFB, HI | 27 Apr - 1 May 98* | New Jersey* |
| 26-30 Jan 98 | RTC Yorktown, VA | 1-5 Jun 98 | RTC Yorktown, VA |
| 23-27 Feb 98* | Patrick AFB, FL* | 3-7 Aug 98 | RTC Yorktown, VA |
| 16-20 Mar 98 | Marion, IL | 14-18 Sep 98** | Ft Lewis, WA |
| 20-24 Apr 98* | Minneapolis, MN* | | |

* Locations and/or dates are tentative.

** Course could be pushed back to 21-24 Sep 98.

Stan-Eval

Along with an initiative to provide an electronic reporting mechanism for CAPF 18, DOV is currently working on a change to the mission symbols that will simplify flight release. A quality flight release along with the ease of an electronic format for reporting should be the result of our efforts. We will soon begin work on a revision to the current CAPR 60-1. Why a revision instead of a change? A change of any significance will affect over half of the current regulation making a page change inefficient and wasteful. The time for coordination and publication of a change or revision is virtually the same and it is much more convenient for our membership to simply change out the entire document rather than post a change.

Flight Clinics

The flight clinic program was established for funding and reporting Civil Air Patrol (CAP) flying clinics. The National Executive Committee (NEC) implemented the program to promote greater pilot proficiency and enhance CAP flying safety.

Corporate dollars are available to defray the cost of conducting and participating in authorized flight clinics. There are three basic steps required to obtain corporate funds for conducting a flight clinic:

1. the clinic must be authorized by the HQ CAP/DO prior to the clinic
2. the clinic must include both a ground and flight phase
3. the clinic must be documented and reported properly IAW CAPR 50-11

By requesting reimbursement IAW CAPR 50-11, funds are made available to units sponsoring/ cosponsoring authorized flight clinics on the basis of \$20 per CAP pilot participating. The funds may be used for unit administrative costs or to reimburse eligible participants for out-of-pocket expenses.

Consider combining a flight clinic with another funded activity such as CAPF 5 check rides.

Communications

The National Technology Center (NTC) is in full gear. Output of equipment to the field has passed \$180,000. Most equipment shipped to date have been deployable kits of Motorola UHF handhelds. Two kits, each containing six radios, six spare batteries and a six-pack rack charger, have been shipped to each region. These kits will be completed in the near future with the addition of a UHF Base Station and a small, suit-case sized UHF repeater. This will finish off a kit which can be deployed to support special activities such as transportation and staff coordination for large events (wing and region conferences, cadet encampments) or for use by inspection teams. All radios in the kits are secure-capable and will include the Motorola key loader to install the encryption. While there are restrictions on how these kits may be used they will serve as a valuable asset for many years to come.

Next up on the NTC's agenda is the Slow Scan Video kits. This project has met several stumbling blocks but now the two technicians at the NTC hope to have all nine final evaluation kits completed and shipped out to the regions in the next 30 days. These long-awaited kits are the final stage in the NHQ research and development project to produce a CAP Aerial Imaging Standard. That standard will be compiled from the final inputs of the units who use and evaluate each final kit. Once written, the standard will be used to contract with a vendor to produce kits for use by CAP nation-wide. More on this project as it proceeds.

One final word from the NTC: We still have a few items which need good homes. Ready to go are approximately a dozen HP Laboratory Grade Multimeters (sounds large but they're actually quite small), and the same number of professional soldering and de-soldering workstations. In the hands of a qualified technician, these tools will be valuable assets to our continual effort to maintain one of the worlds largest centrally managed communications systems.

Useful Web Sites

<http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dok/ntc/ntc.cfm>

This is the NTC "Home Page". Check it often to find the latest information on what's been shipped and to whom. The front page begins with the current NTC "Score Card" showing the total value in dollar amounts which the NTC has added to CAP. Check often as the score changes daily.

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

This is the NTIA Home Page. NTIA is the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. CAP and all federal agencies derive our radio operating authority from this government agency. In effect, the NTIA is the "FCC" of federal agencies. This site is loaded with good information for CAP communications managers.

<http://www.faa.gov/avr/afshome.htm>

This is the home page of the FAA Flight Standards Service (AFS). It provides Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) in text format, Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), and Advisory Circulars written by Flight Standards.

DRAFT Checklist

CAPR 55-1 Attachment 3 A3-3

- - **SAFETY OFFICER**

___ Conduct initial and follow-on safety surveys of mission base using a standard CAP safety survey form (see sample in CAPR 62-1).

___ Spot check ground teams.

___ Vehicles for proper safety equipment.

___ One team member on each team trained in blood-borne bio-hazards.

___ Blood-borne pathogen kits available.

___ Members properly dressed for climatic conditions.

___ Spot check aircraft (fire extinguisher, tie downs, survival gear).

___ Check flight line operations for safe aircraft movement, parking, and refueling.

___ Correct or minimize any deficiencies or hazards noted and brief Mission Coordinator accordingly.

___ Coordinate with sub-base mission coordinators to ensure safety surveys are conducted.

___ Know the location of the nearest medical facility.

___ Assist Mission Coordinator in preparing for or personally present safety portion of the general mission briefing if requested by the Mission Coordinator.

___ Ensure that appropriate personnel are notified for any mishaps IAW CAPR 60-2 within time constraints specified.

___ Gather data for CAPF 78 and 79.

___ Monitor progress of investigations and ensure timely reporting.

___ Issue reminders when necessary.

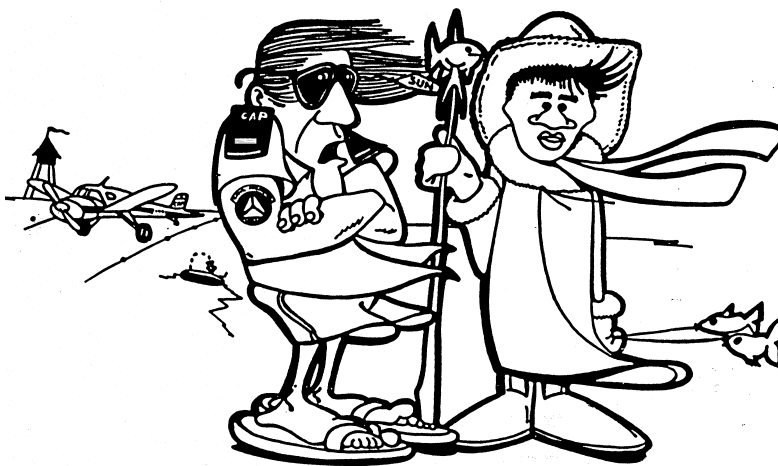
___ Monitor efforts to account for members throughout the mission.

___ IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE MISSION COORDINATOR OF ANY UNSAFE CONDITIONS OR PRACTICES NOTED.

On the Lighter Side

You know you're a redneck pilot if:

1. your stall warning horn plays Dixie
2. your cross country flight plan uses flea markets as check points
3. you think sectionals should show trailer parks
4. you've ever used moonshine as avgas
5. your matched set of luggage is 3 grocery sacks from Piggly Wiggly
6. you've got a gun rack hanging on the passenger window
7. you siphon gas out of your tractor to put in your airplane
8. there are parts of your aircraft labeled "John Deere"
9. you think Zulu time has something to do with Africa
10. you navigate with your ADF tuned to country music stations



"I knew we landed at the wrong airport. I was just testing my observer."

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